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The SPECTATOR.

Nugis addere pondus. Hor.

Friday, February 8. 1712.

MR. SPEC.

'HAving lately converſed much with the fair Sex on the Subject of your Speculations, (which, ſince their Appearance in Publick, have been the chief Diſcourſe of the female loquacious Faculty) I found fair Ones poſſeſs'd with a Diſſatisfaction at your prefixing Greek Mottos to the Frontiſpiece of your late Papers; and, as a Man of Gallantry, I thought it a Duty incumbent on me to impart it to you, in Hopes of a Reformation, which is likely to be effected by a Reſtoration of the Latin Tongue to the uſual Dignity in your Papers, which of late the Greek, to the great Diſpleaſure of your Female Readers, has uſurp'd; for tho' the Latin has the Recommendation of being as unintelligible to them as the Greek, yet being written of the same Character with their Mother Tongue, by the Aſſiſtance of a Spelling-Book it's legible; which Quality the Greek wants: And ſince the Introduction of Operas into this Nation, the Ladies are ſo charmed with Sounds abſtracted from their Senſe, that they adore and honour the Sound of Latin as it is old Italian. I am a Sollicitor for the fair Sex, and therefore think my ſelf in that Character more likely to be prevalent in this Requeſt, than if I ſhould ſubſcribe my ſelf by my proper Name.

J. M.

I deſire you may inſert this in one of your Speculations, to ſhew my Zeal for removing the Diſſatisfaction of the fair Sex, and reſtoring you to their Favour.

Sir,

I Was ſome time ſince in Company with a young Military Officer, who entertained us with the Conqueſt he had made over a Female Neighbour of his; when a Gentleman who ſtood by, as I ſuppoſe, envying the Captain's good Fortune, aſked him what Reaſon he had to believe the Lady admired him? Why, ſays he, my Lodgings are oppoſite to hers, and ſhe is continually at her Window either at Work, reading, taking Snuff, or putting her ſelf in ſome toying Poſture on purpoſe to draw my Eyes that Way. The Confeſſion of this vain Soldier made me reflect on ſome of my own Actions; for you muſt know, Sir, I am often at a Window which fronts the Apartments of ſeveral Gentlemen, who I doubt not have the ſame Opinion of me. I muſt own I love to look at them all, one for being well dreſſed, a ſecond for his fine Eye, and one particular one becauſe he is the leaſt Man I ever ſaw; but there is ſomething ſo eaſy and pleaſant in the Manner of my little Man, that I obſerve he is a Favourite of all his Acquaintance. I could go on to tell you of many others that I believe think I have encouraged them from my Window: But pray let me have your Opinion of the Uſe of the Window in a beautiful Lady; and how often ſhe may look out at the ſame Man, without being ſuppoſed to have a Mind to jump out to him.

Yours,

Aurelia Careleſs.

Twice.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

I Have for ſome Time made Love to a Lady, who receiv'd it with all the kind Returns I ought to expect. But without any Provocation that I know of, ſhe has of late ſhunned me with the utmoſt Abhorrence, inſomuch that ſhe went out of Church laſt *Sunday* in the midſt of Divine Service, upon my coming into the ſame Pew. Pray, Sir, what muſt I do in this Buſineſs?

Your Servant,

Euphues.

Let Her alone Ten Days.

York, January the 20th, 1711-12.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

WE have in this Town a ſort of People who pretend to Wit and write Lampoons: I have lately been the Subject of one of them. The

Scribler

'Scribbler had not Genius enough in Verſe to 'turn my Age, as indeed I am an Old Maid, into 'Raillery, for affecting a youthier Turn than is 'conſiſtent with my Time of Days; and therefore 'he makes the Title to his Madrigal, The Cha'racter of Mrs. *Judith Lovebane*, born in the Year '1780. What I deſire of you is, That you diſal'low that a Coxcomb who pretends to write Verſe, 'ſhould put the moſt malicious thing he can ſay 'in Proſe. This I humbly conceive will diſable 'our Country Wits, who indeed take a great deal 'of Pains to ſay any thing in Rhime, tho' they ſay 'it very ill.

I am, SIR,
Your Humble Servant,
Suſanna Lovebane.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'WE are ſeveral of us, Gentlemen and Ladies, 'who board in the ſame Houſe, and after 'Dinner one of our Company (an agreeable Man 'enough otherwiſe) ſtands up and reads your Pa'per to us all. We are the civilleſt People in the 'World to one another, and therefore I am forced 'to this way of deſiring our Reader, when he is 'doing this Office, not to ſtand afore the Fire. 'This will be a general Good to our Family this 'cold Weather. He will, I know, take it to be 'our common Requeſt when he comes to theſe 'Words, *Pray Sir ſit down*; which I deſire you to 'inſert, and you will particularly oblige

Your Daily Reader,
Charity Froſt.

Sir,

'I Am a great Lover of Dancing, but cannot 'perform ſo well as ſome others: However by 'my Out-of-the-Way Capers, and ſome original 'Grimaces, I don't fail to divert the Company, 'particularly the Ladies, who laugh immoderately 'all the Time. Some, who pretend to be my 'Friends, tell me they do it in Deriſion, and 'would adviſe me to leave it off, withall that I 'make my ſelf ridiculous. I don't know what to 'do in this Affair, but am reſolved not to give over 'upon any Account till I have the Opinion of the 'SPECTATOR.

Your humble Servant,
John Trott.

'IF Mr. *Trott* is not awkard out of Time, he 'has a Right to dance let who will laugh: 'But if he has no Ear he will interrupt others; 'and I am of Opinion he ſhould ſit ſtill. Given 'under my Hand this Fifth of *February*, 1711-12.

The SPECTATOR.

By Her Majeſty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this preſent Friday being the 8th Day of February, will be preſented a Comedy call'd, Love's laſt Shift; or, The Fool in Faſhion. By her Majeſty's Command no Perſons are to be admitted behind the Scenes.

Whereas Mr. Abra. Jordan, Sen. and Jun. hath with their own Hands (Joynery excepted) made and erected a very large Organ in St. Magnus Church at the Foot of London Bridge, conſiſting of four Sets of Keys, one of which is adapted to the Art of emitting Sounds by ſwelling Notes, which never was in any Organ before: This Inſtrument will be publickly op'n'd on Sunday next, the Performance by Mr. John Robinſon. The aboveſaid Abra. Jordan gives Notice to all Maſters and Performers, that he will attend every Day next Week at the ſaid Church, to accommodate all thoſe Gentlemen who ſhall have a Curioſity to hear it.

The Hudſon's-Bay-Company having di... Sum of 12301 9 s. 10 d. at the 2d Dividend of M... ing informed of ſome Frauds deſigned at their 3d Di... prentices, which will be paid the 2d of April next, ... Propoſals; they therefore give Notice, That whoſoever ... any Perſon who ſhall preſume to make Claim on ... prentice who was either Dead, Married, or Deſerted ... Maſter's or Miſtreſs's Service before the Expiration of ... or Indentures, ſhall upon Proof of ſuch Fraud receive the ... Reward, to be paid by the Company's Regiſter, ... Proof be made before the 25th of March next. ... who are Regiſtred for Marriages are not obliged to ... longer than 6 Months; and any Clerk or Apprentice may ... who have not leſs than 15 Months to ſerve; and that ... ceived at the 2d Dividend on Marriages, and have not ... Re-entries, are required to do the ſame on or before ... Inſtant February, or they ſhall be excluded. ... Gratis at the ſaid Company's Houſe in Fenchurch ... tendance is given from 10 till 2, and from 4 till 7 in the ...

There is to be ſold at very low Rates at ... verell's, at the Unicorn and Dial, up one Pair of Stairs, ... Bridge, a freſh Parcel of Cravats and Cambricks for ... being the Goods of Perſons that have fail'd. The Cravats ... up three in a Paper, and the Price mark'd upon each ...

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